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Ms. Cecilia Hunziker, Regional Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
2300 East Devon Avenue  
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Dear Ms. Hunziker:

A constituent of mine, Ms. Debra Ronning, 3116 Pearson Parkway, Brooklyn Park, 55443 (612-566-7234) brought a very important concern to my attention. Because it deals with a federal issue, I am in turn informing you of her concern and her suggestion.

Her sister had a heart attack on an airplane. As you can imagine, treatment was very difficult, since it happened while the plane was in flight. There is of course a long delay before a plane can be landed at a nearby airport and then medical help given to a heart attack victim. She suggests that defibrillator units be placed on airplanes. There is a nationwide effort to make more of these available in locations throughout the state and nation. Her suggestion is a good one. I'm sure that flight attendants, who already are well trained and competent in emergency procedures, could be trained in administration of such units. Undoubtedly, a number of lives would be saved each year by having such units available in airplanes.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to convey her suggestion. I am sure she would very much appreciate a response.

Sincerely,

Phil Carruthers

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